

# DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA GOVERNMENT DC OFFICE OF RISK MANAGEMENT

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## **Tort Liability**

### Claimant Process Flow

An incident (auto, property or liability) occurs in the District to a citizen:

- Claimant calls 202-727-8600 to report
- The following information is required at a minimum:
  - o Name, address, day & evening phone numbers
  - o SSN or tax ID and DOB
  - o Date and time of incident, exact location of incident
  - o Circumstances and cause of damage or injury
  - Relevant documents (i.e. police reports, ownership documentation, estimates for repair, etc)

#### DCORM Staff Assistant:

- Enters data into claims management system
- Assigns the case to an adjuster
- Creates a file, claim number is generated and claim assigned to an adjuster

### Adjuster:

- Contacts claimant and parties involved
- Contacts agency involved for internal reports and investigative information
- Gathers all relevant information regarding claim:
  - Photos, quotes, estimates, witness statements, etc.
- Enters additional information/investigation details into claims management system

#### **Determination:**

- Negotiate settlement
- Send order and release to claimant/subrogee/attorney
- Prepares executed documents for payment

-or-

• Deny claim; claimant may appeal filing civil action through Superior Court

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